

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

This is an excellent bill in the right direction that focuses on the value and importance of building a great state by investing in teachers and their students. Everyone says teachers are important and are thankful of our role and it is now to take the next step.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

